

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 9, and 17, stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by FISH (US Pub. No. 2003/0088531).

Claims 2, 10, and 18, stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fish in view of Osterlund (USPN 5,034,914).

Claims 8, 16, and 24, stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fish in view of Zulich (USPN 5,150,473).

Claims 3-7, 11-15, and 19-23 stand rejected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

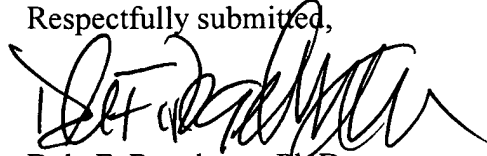
Original claim 3 depended from claim 1. Claim 3 has been rewritten herein in independent form. Revised claim 3 includes the elements of rejected base claim 1 and original claim 3. Original claim 11 depended from claim 9. Claim 11 has been rewritten herein in independent form. Revised claim 11 includes the elements of rejected base claim 9 and original claim 11. Original claim 19 depended from claim 17. Claim 19 has been rewritten herein in independent form. Revised claim 19 includes the elements of rejected base claim 17 and original claim 19.

No new matter has been entered. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Having dealt with all of the outstanding objections and/or rejections of the claims, Applicants submit that the application as amended is in condition for allowance, and an

allowance at an early date is respectfully solicited. In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them, or credit an overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 502262.

Respectfully submitted,



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